

MEDICAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 10, 2004

The Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) teleconference meeting held at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification, 1550 East College Parkway, Suite 158, Carson City, Nevada, was called to order by Dr. Karen Carifo, Co-Chairman, at 1:35 p.m. on November 10, 2004

Nancy Janess took roll and noted that we had a quorum.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen F. Carifo, Ph.D.
Stacey Lynne Garry, M.D.
Edwin C. Kingsley, M.D.
Jill Brown, MT (ASCP)
Sandra Kurtz, MT (ASCP)
Cynthia Mastick, Ph.D.
Susan A. Doberneck, M.D.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Bradford H. Lee, M.D., State Health Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General
Vickie J. Estes, Health Facilities Surveyor III
Dave Powning, Laboratory Surveyor
Evelyn Sayre, Health Facilities Surveyor II
Holly Hobart, M.D., UNSOM Cytogenetics Laboratory Director
Cecelia Marie Rios, Biotechnologist applicant
Kendra W. Kimberley, Biotechnician applicant
Nancy Janess, Administrative Assistant II
Bonnie Day, Administrative Assistant II

1. Approval of Minutes: Dr. Garry made a motion, which was seconded by Sandra Kurtz to approve the minutes of July 30, 2004 as presented. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Committee review and approval of variance request Case #535, Leelyn I. Ruby requesting a variance to NAC 652.480(1). Dr. Garry and Dr. Carifo had several questions. After a lengthy discussion was held regarding her qualifications, they indicated that with strong director's support, and technician and technologist duties the same in the specialties requested at Quest Diagnostics they would be willing to support the variance with stipulations. Jill Brown made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Kingsley that the variance be approved with the following stipulations: Leelyn I. Ruby will be certified as a specialty technologist in the specialties of chemistry and immunology only at Quest Diagnostics. This limitation will be noted on her certificate. The motion passed unanimously. This recommendation will be presented to the Board of Health meeting to be held December 13, 2004 for their approval.

3. Committee review and approval of Cecilia Marie Rios application for certification as Specialty Technologist Biotechnologist NAC 652.480(1). There was a discussion, and the committee confirmed that Ms. Rios has obtained a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and has passed the National Credentialing Agency exam for Clinical Laboratory Specialist in Cytogenetics Part 1 and Part 2, and has a letter from the director, Holly H. Hobart, Ph.D. Sandy Kurtz made the motion that was seconded by Dr. Garry, to approve Cecilia Marie Rios application for certification as Specialty Technologist Biotechnologist. The motion passed.

4. Committee review and approval of Kendra W. Kimberley application for certification as Specialty Technician Biotechnician NAC 652.485(1). The committee had several questions which Dr. Hobart (Cytogenetics laboratory director) answered regarding qualifications for Kendra Kimberly and the duties of a technician in a cytogenetics lab. Dr. Hobart explained to the committee that Kendra is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, who has been working as a research assistant in cytogenetics under the direction of Dr. Hobart for the last three years. Dr. Garry made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Kingsley that the committee approve the application of Kendra W. Kimberley as Specialty Technician Biotechnician. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Committee review and approval of Hema S. Spain application for certification as a Specialty Technician Biotechnician NAC 652.485(1). Committee recommendation is required per NAC 652.485(3). Hema S. Spain withdrew her application for Biotechnician via fax November 10, 2004 prior to this meeting.

There was no public comment.

Dr. Garry took this opportunity to say that she enjoyed being on this committee and appreciated the opportunity to serve and said "good bye" one more time. Her 2nd term ends 11/16/04. Vickie Estes thanked Dr. Garry for her excellent contributions during her six years on this committee.

There being no further business, Dr. Garry made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.